Statistics of balance action pending for repeal

1.	Acts recommended for repeal	1382
2.	Acts repealed so far (col.7) (-)	415
3.	Acts decided not to be repealed (Col. 5) (-)	822
4.	Action to be taken by State Govt. (109 + 6 out of 166 Central Acts) (-)	115
5.	Acts repealed in the list of 166 Central Acts (-)	4
	Balance action pending	26

Withdrawal of criminal cases against M.F. Hussain

3474. SHRI BHARATKUAMR RAUT: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to withdraw criminal cases against artist M.F. Hussain;

(b) the details of charges pending against him; and

(c) what is the reason for this action?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Application of Central Acts in Nagaland

3475. SHRI KHEKIHO ZHIMOMI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a State Act called the Nagaland Ownership and Transfer of Land and its Resources Act, 1990 is in operation in Nagaland; and

(b) whether Government has identified the provisions in the Central Acts, Rules and Regulations that would not apply to Nagaland in regard to "land and its resources" as prescribed in article 371 - A (1) (a) of the Constitution of India, in view of the said State Act?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Elevation of High Court Judge to Supreme Court

3476. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding case of Karnataka High Court Chief Justice being referred to the Central Government;

(b) whether there were similar references in the past ten years from the Supreme Court to Government; and

(c) what is the difference between the status of Chief Justice of High Court and a Justice of Supreme Court?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY): (a) The Chief Justice of India had recommended, inter alia, the name of the Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court for appointment as a Judge of the Supreme Court. When complaints against him were received by the Chief Justice of India and the Government, the Chief Justice of India and his Collegium have deferred that recommendation.

(b) Yes, Sir. In the past ten years i.e. from December, 1999 to December 2009, there was one such case.

(c) A Judge of the Supreme Court as well as a Chief Justice of a High Court are appointed as per the provisions of the Constitution of India and discharge their duties and responsibilities as assigned by the Constitution in their respective courts.

Pending cheque bounce cases

3477. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of pending cheque bounce cases in lower courts, State-wise;

(b) whether Government is considering to set up Fast Track Courts to deal with such cases; and

(c) if so, by when this exercise is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY): (a) Such information is not being maintained centrally.

(b) There is no such proposal at present.

(c) Does not arise.

Grants for Fast Track Courts

3478. SHRI N. R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has discontinued the status of the centrally sponsored scheme for the Fast Track Courts functioning in various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the grant to these Courts is very meagre compared to the recurring and non-recurring expenditure; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken to increase the grant?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY): (a) to (d) No, Sir. Government has not discontinued the scheme of central assistance to the states for the Fast Track Courts. In fact, while extending the scheme for a period of five years beyond 31.3.2005, Government